

Creating Custom Pillows with Unique Trims

Pillows can easily elevate the style of a living space. Explore how to create unique accent pillows, with a variety of design elements and trims that coordinate, but aren't too matchy.



Creating Custom Pillows with Unique Trims: Step-By-Step Instructions

Pillows – 2 at 21", self corded:

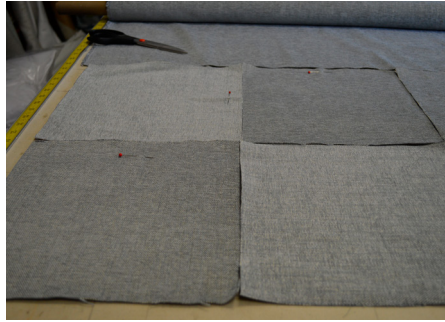
- 1 Cut and make enough welt to go around all four sides of the pillows.
- 2 For a 21" finished pillow cover, cut size is 22". Cut two pillow backs at 22" x 22". Serge around all four sides.
- 3 The pillow front has stitched details. Cut four sections at 11 ½" x 11 ½" for each pillow front (a total of 8). Place a pin in the fabric indicating the face and top of the fabric cut. Serge all sides of each section.



Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products	Item #
Pen Style Chalk Markers	WW13/
Pillow Template - Standard	PF10
John James Hand Sewing Needles	TP108
Bias Tape Folder	WWT99
R-TEX Fusible Stabilizer	FB10/
Pillow Inserts	PF, PJ, FD
Glass Head Straight Pins	TP49
Jumbo Wonder Clips	QC42
Welt Cording	WC
Invisible Zipper Chain, #5	EVR52
Nylon Invisible Zipper Slides, #5	EVP5
Quick Table Clamps	QC15
Thread	Thread

- 4 To create the interest on the front of the pillows, turn the squares so the nap is perpendicular to each other before sewing together.



- 5 Place two of these right sides together and sew one 1/2" Seam Allowance (SA). Do this to the second set of two. Press SA open (Be sure to test the iron on your fabric – chenille fabric may shrink with too hot of an iron). Before pressing seams open, test the iron on a remnant of fabric. This is chenille fabric



- 6 Place right sides together, matching the center line. We start at this point and stitch to the end, flip the pillow section over and start in the center again and sew to the end. Press these seams open.



- 7 Topstitch each SA.

- 8 Next, sew welt cord around the edges of the pillow front.



9 Insert an invisible zipper at the lower edge of the pillow.

NOTE: See YouTube videos

- [Inserting an Invisible Zipper Pull](#)
- [How to Insert an Invisible Zipper next to Welt Cord](#)

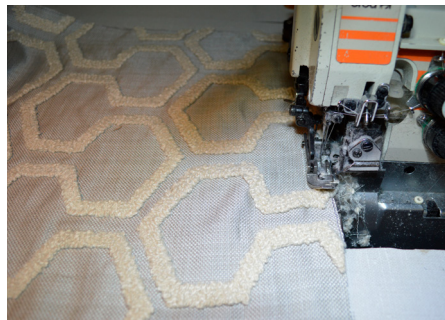


Pillows – 2 at 18", brush fringe:

1 Use a square pillow template to determine fabric pattern placement. Mark fabric and cut. Place a pin in fabric indicating top of pillow section. Cut two pillow fronts and two pillow backs.



2 Serge the edges of the pillow fronts and backs.



3 Sew the brush fringe to the bottom of the two pillow fronts. Use jumbo wonder clips to hold the fronts and backs together. Stitch the remaining three sides of the pillow.



- 4 Leave a hole to insert the pillow form at the bottom of the pillow. Clamp pillow to the table before hand stitching closed.



- 5 Remove stitching from edge of brush fringe. Use steam from an iron to remove crimping on the fringe if necessary.

